

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A flossing device, ~~comprising~~ comprising:
an internal supply of floss;
a pair of tines between which a length of the floss is strung; ~~[[and]]~~
a vibration source that causes the floss to vibrate at a frequency of at least ~~10 Hz~~,
10 Hz, and
a user-operable actuator coupled to the tines that changes a tension of the length
of the floss without unwinding or winding the floss.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is least 100 Hz.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is at least 1,000 Hz.
4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is at least 20,000 Hz.
5. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source comprises an eccentric weight.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source comprises an electromagnetic buzzer.
7. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a cutting blade positioned on one of the tines.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a spindle upon which the supply of floss is mounted.
9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the supply of floss is housed in a head.
10. (Original) The flossing device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source is housed in a head.

11. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~wherein a power source is housed in a handle~~
further comprising an actuating member disposed within a neck region of the device, wherein the
actuating member moves toward a handle of the device to change the tension.

12. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a floss advancing mechanism.

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~further comprising a floss release mechanism~~
wherein the user-operable actuator is coupled to the tines and instantly decreases the tension.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A flossing device, comprising:

a pair of tines between which a length of a floss is strung;

a quick-release mechanism having an actuating arm disposed with a neck of the
flossing device; and

wherein movement of the actuating arm releases a tension of the length of the
floss.

21. (New) The device of claim 21 further comprising a vibration source coupled to the tines.

22. (New) The device of claim 21 further comprising a floss advancing mechanism disposed
on the actuating arm, and an aperture disposed on the device, where the floss advancing
mechanism directs and fed the floss through the aperture in a direction from inside the device to
outside the device.